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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HARRINGTON MAN SENTENCED ON  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE**

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that Eric Ross Tyre, age 25, of Harrington, Delaware, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court, before the Honorable Sue L. Robinson, to five years incarceration for receipt of child pornography.

On March 5, 2007, officers of the Harrington Police Department and the Delaware State Police, High Tech Crimes Unit, executed a search warrant at Tyre's Harrington residence. A federal indictment was returned on June 26, 2007. Tyre was arrested on July 5, 2007, and subsequently detained.

On November 7, 2007, Tyre pled guilty to receiving child pornography on his computer. The investigation disclosed that in June 2006 and February 2007 Tyre solicited e-mails with child pornography attachments, including a video of a prepubescent child engaged in sex acts with an adult. Tyre has outstanding charges of Rape Second Degree in Caroline County, Maryland, where it is alleged that in 2006 he had sexual intercourse with a 13 year old girl

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, which was created in February 2006 as a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the

United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. U.S. Attorney Connolly noted that, “This case demonstrates our office’s continued commitment to pursue and prosecute those who prey on our youth.” For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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